

CASUALTIES MAY BE HUNDRED THOUSAND

Magnitude of Italian Disaster Grows as News Filters In

SIX TOWNS NEAR SOISSONS TAKEN BY GERMAN, WHICH IS NOW FIGHTING AGGRESSIVELY ALONG THE FRONTIER

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Jan. 15.—A violent German attack north of Soissons, under the direction of General Van Kluck, which, coupled with a flood in the river, when he forced the French back across the Aisne, comprised the most striking war news this morning. The Germans have been gaining for the past several days, but have not recovered all their lost ground.
(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Jan. 15.—The Germans have captured six towns north-east of Soissons. The battle conditions were similar to those of 1870.

SUDDEN DEATH OF OLD TIME TEAMSTER

SAM H. SPRATT SUCCEUMS TO ACUTE INDIGESTION WHILE TALKING WITH FRIENDS

Sam H. Spratt died suddenly at Mina last night. He was sitting in the lobby of Baker's hotel, talking with Sheriff Eugene Grutt and Conductor Zimmerman when he was seized with acute indigestion. He stepped out to the veranda for a breath of air and returned to the lobby, looking very pale. His friends took him to his room and made him as comfortable as possible, but an hour and a half later he suddenly expired.

Mr. Spratt was a native of Quebec and was aged about 57 years. He came to Belleville, Esmeralda county, in 1878 and teamed for Farrington Brothers for a time and later drove one of Horax Smith's big mule teams from Teal's marsh to Belleville, 12 miles away, with loads of borax. In 1888 he moved to Bishop, Cal., where he married. The widow and two daughters, Mrs. Rene J. Jenkins and Miss Helen Spratt, survive. They live at Berkeley. Mr. Spratt was clerk of Baker's hotel at the time of his death. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

NEW LAND TAX BILLS ENACTED BY PARLIAMENT

(By Associated Press.)
SYDNEY, Jan. 15.—The federal parliament has passed new land taxes, involving an increase of about fifty per cent. Exemption is granted to estates of less than 5000 acres, and the tax is graduated, falling in maximum percentage only upon estates of more than 75,000 acres.
In view of the estimated shortage in the wheat crop, the parliament has abolished the import duty. The amount of the shortage is estimated at ten million bushels. The government maintains that the removal of the duty will not affect the farmers, as the wheat is held by speculators rather than by farmers.

SEMI-MONTHLY DANCE A GREAT SUCCESS

The semi-monthly dance given last evening by the Tonopah lodge of Elks was an immense success. There was a large attendance and the music was superb. Refreshments were enjoyed at midnight.

Tonopah Co. Ships Bullion

The Tonopah Mining company of Nevada yesterday forwarded bullion valued at \$28,500, the clean-up of a week's run in the mill. This, in addition to the \$241,926.29 previously reported, makes the shipments thus far in January \$270,426.29.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY RELIEF CORPS

BRIEF ADDRESSES MADE AND BANQUET ENJOYED AT CLOSE OF SESSION

Gettysburg Relief corps, No. 122, last night held a private installation of officers. Mrs. Mayme Schwebel, a well known charitable worker and past president of this corps, installed the new officers in their respective chairs: President, Catherine Schoen; S. V. Pres., Ellen Nickol; J. V. Winnie Warmington; treasurer, Nora Davis; secretary, Helen O'Connell; chaplain, Mary Daugherty; patriotic instructor, Elizabeth Timlin.
After the installation short addresses were made by the outgoing officers. Past President Brann expressing herself pleased with the good work done by the corps along charitable lines during the year. Mr. Jordan, G. A. R. veteran, then spoke for a short time. After the addresses all present enjoyed an elegant banquet in which the new officers were toasted and a prosperous new year hoped for.

FOOLISH IDEAS ABOUT CASTE HABITS REFUTED

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Jan. 15.—Absurd stories about the caste habits of the Indian soldiers will make trouble at the front, says General O'Moore Creagh. One correspondent wrote that the Gurkhas had been given a special dispensation to eat beef and drink porter, like the British soldiers. Nothing could be a worse insult to the Gurkhas, says General Creagh.
The British press has lavished its praise almost entirely on the Gurkhas and Sikhs, to the neglect of other fighting castes. There are, for instance, three regiments of Dogras, who, although of poor physique, are the coolest under fire of any of the native soldiery. Some of the best fighting Indians are the Punjab Mohammedans. A popular mistake is that the Gurkhas throw their kukrim, or carved knife, at the enemy. They do not throw it, but use it so skillfully that they can behead a buffalo calf at a single blow.

TROOPS ENCAMPED IN SHADOW OF THE PYRAMIDS

(By Associated Press.)
CAIRO, Egypt, via London, Jan. 15.—The Australian troops, who are now arriving here in large numbers, are to be given training quarters in a large encampment near the Pyramids. One of the members of the latest Australian contingent is a cousin of Captain von Muller, commander of the German cruiser Emden.

MARTIN KILLED HIMSELF BY DRINKING CYANIDE

At the inquest held over the remains of Charles Martin, a former toolsharpening of Tonopah, which was held yesterday by Coroner Kelly, it developed that Martin came to his death by taking cyanide of potassium. He committed suicide in the lower part of Manhattan shortly after arriving in the camp, where he went with Louis Amundsen.

SOME PREVIOUS EARTHQUAKE DISASTERS
Sicily—1693—Estimated 60,000 lives lost.
Lisbon, Portugal, 1755—Destroyed city; 60,000 lives lost.
Calabria, Italy, 1783—60,000 lives lost.
Quito, Ecuador, 1797—41,000 lives lost.
Caracas, Venezuela, 1812—Destroyed city; 12,000 lives lost.
Aleppo, Turkey, 1822—Destroyed city; 22,000 lives lost.
Mendoza, Venezuela, 1861—12,000 lives lost.
Aschia, Italy, 1893—2,000 lives lost.
Charleston, S. C., 1886—60 lives lost.
Japan, 1896—26,000 lives lost.
San Francisco, 1906—Great loss of property due to fire; 1,500 lives lost.
Valparaiso, Chile, 1906—2,000 lives lost; much property destroyed.
Messina, Italy, 1908—Several cities wrecked; 200,000 lives lost.
Total number of lives lost from earthquakes in the period covered by history is estimated at 13,000,000.

WEST END OPENS NEW BODY OF MILL ORE IN THE 413 RAISE, WHILE ALL OTHER WORKINGS HOLD UP GRADE

J. W. Chandler, general superintendent of the West End Consolidated, has returned from a week's trip to the coast. He reports that no change has taken place in the 505 and 549 workings, each showing maintaining the previous excellent grade. The 413 raise has been in low grade ore for several weeks. It is 70 feet west of the 415 raise, from which a very satisfactory stoppage has been opened in the past two weeks. The 413 has now opened into ore of excellent grade across a seven-foot face. Cut samples show \$23.70. All parts of the mine are looking well.

UNITED STATES UNPREPARED TO DEFEND SHORES

SENATOR LODGE SAYS THAT OUR DEFICIENCIES ARE LARGELY DUE TO CONGRESS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Urging upon the senate the need of a commission to report on military preparedness, or a permanent council for national defense, Senator Lodge asserted today that the United States is "not only imperfect and unbalanced, but has grave, and in some instances fatal deficiencies." He said the defects are "almost wholly due to congress, undefeated, the nation stands as an invitation to attack."

WILL OPEN RESTAURANT

Charles Hay will open a restaurant Sunday on Upper Main street, next door to Richards house. Turkey dinner will be served family style from 12 to 8. Chop suey and noodles always on hand. Jan 15-11

WAR BRINGS HAPPY DAYS TO FARMERS OF ENGLAND

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Jan. 14.—After many years of depression, the British farmer is enjoying prosperity. Everything he raises is quickly saleable at prices that are gradually climbing higher and higher. Wheat and oats, which are the staple crops of most English farmers, are fetching excellent prices, while the live stock which they fattened for the holiday market was taken at figures which have not been touched in many years.

KOCH WILL NOT FIGHT EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS

C. F. Koch, who is being held in the county jail on the charge of fraud and grand larceny, today stated that he would waive extradition and return to Duluth, Minnesota, to stand trial. Sheriff J. R. Melning and Assistant Public Prosecutor Forbes left Duluth this morning and will take the prisoner back. He has not yet been able to obtain bail.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.

| Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah: | 1915 | 1914 |
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| 6 a. m. | 20 | 35 |
| 9 a. m. | 20 | 34 |
| 12 noon | 22 | 33 |
| 2 p. m. | 24 | 35 |

TWO MURDERERS EXPIATE CRIMES

RABER AND FARIS DROP TO DEATH IN CALIFORNIA PENITENTIARIES

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 15.—Sam Raber was hanged at Folsom today for killing Cherry De St. Maurice, "Queen of the Tenderloin." "I'm not afraid of the finish," he said. Raber robbed and killed the woman in July, 1913.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN QUENTIN, Jan. 15.—Ralph Farris, confessed murderer and train robber, was hanged today. He shot and killed Horace Montague, a traveling passenger agent for the Southern Pacific, near El Monte, in December, 1913, while he was robbing the passengers on the Sunset limited.

ASSESSMENTS DUE OR NEARING DATE

Today an assessment of one-half cent a share upon Cash Boy stock became delinquent. Manhattan Consolidated's assessment of one cent a share must be paid on or before January 24. The Booth levy of two cents becomes delinquent January 25 and the Rescue's assessment of one cent must be paid on the last day of the month or before.

BATTALION OF ATHLETES AT THE BATTLE FRONT

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Jan. 5.—To offset criticism against professional football, which has been charged with hampering recruiting, authority has been granted for the formation of a battalion of athletes and football players, to be known as the 17th Football battalion of the Middlesex regiment.

BRIEF SITTING OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Only one matter came before Judge Averill this morning in the district court. A demurrer in the case of Louis Amundsen versus H. T. Kutzkau was heard and submitted.

ALL THE INHABITANTS OF ONE CITY ARE SAID TO BE ENTOMBED UNDER FALLEN WALLS WHEN EARTH SHAKES

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Jan. 15.—The latest estimates of the death toll of the earthquake is 20,000. Hundreds, possibly thousands, were buried alive in the wreckage of their homes, while rescuers are struggling to assist them. The king, who returned from Avezzano, personally superintended the release of several of the unfortunates. Three coach loads of injured were carried on the same train as the king. The pope has offered the mayor the use of the hospital of Santa Marta.
The principal loss of life, and probably the chief property damage, appears to have occurred at Avezzano and Sora. Both of these cities were destroyed and the population virtually wiped out. The latest estimates at Avezzano are 10,000 dead and at Sora 4,000. In at least 60 other towns, more than 6,000 killed. The situation at Avezzano is alarming because of the destruction of the aqueduct system. The water supply is cut off. Improvised hospitals and a refuge camp have been started. The rescuers have been augmented by the staff of the American embassy at Rome. Reports from Switzerland show that the earthquake was felt in the Alps, and caused destructive avalanches. Like Messina, it is believed that it will be weeks before the loss of life and property is compiled. The pope visited the Santa Marta hospital to console the injured. It is said the pope didn't leave the vatican, but passed through the apostolic palace, inside St. Peters, and thus reached the hospital.

(By Associated Press.)
AVEZZANO, Jan. 15.—Rescue work is becoming ghastly and nerve-wrecking. Mutilated bodies are laid in the road that once led to the railway station. Some are unrecognizable and are frequently claimed by relatives as different persons. By night the work of rescue continues by torchlight. As the work proceeds it becomes more apparent that many inhabitants became exhausted and were frozen during the night. A girl, hanging by her clothing, after hours was rescued.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Exchange Telegraph company's Rome correspondent says that the magnitude of the Italian disaster increases, as news is received from the devastated areas. Casualties at Magliana and Marsia are estimated at 1300 out of a population of 1500. In Posonia 4000 are reported killed. The dead at San Benetto number 3000. All the people in Capello are believed to be buried in the ruins. The entire population of Albafucensos are also believed to have perished. Of 500 people in Lese, 450 are dead. Every town in the Livi valley is reported to have been destroyed or seriously damaged. The Rome correspondent of the Chronicle estimates the killed and injured at from 90,000 to 100,000.

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 15.—A resolution of sympathy for Italy because of the earthquake, promising response if an appeal for aid is made, was introduced in the senate by Senator Wolfe.

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Jan. 15.—It is believed that only a few hundred of the 17,000 inhabitants of Sora have been saved. Relief expeditions are being hurried to Sora. Every hour is bringing more harrowing particulars of the destruction of that town. The shocks were so severe in Sora that buildings were removed from their foundations and overturned some distance away. The river Lira is in flood.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Jan. 15.—A Havas agency dispatch from Rome quotes Messaggero as saying that 11,000 people are buried in the ruins of Avezzano.

TITLED PERSONS EXPELLED FROM LEGION OF HONOR

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Jan. 15.—The recent decree expelling all Germans and Austrians from the Legion of Honor affects the following widely known persons: Duke Alexandre of Oldenbourg; Prince Radolin and Baron von Shoen, both former ambassadors to Paris; Prince Luitpold of Bavaria; Baron Marshal von Bieberstein, former foreign minister; M. von Radowith, former minister at Madrid; Prince von Huelow, former chancellor; Puttmaker, former governor of Kamerun; Generals Gentskow, von Hahnke, Kirchner, Kuntze, von Strauts, von Vollauhe; Count von Eulenburg, grand marshal of the court; Admiral Pohl; Baron Oppenheim; Joachim, president of the Fine Arts academy of Berlin; Ballin, director-general of the Hamburg-American Steamship company; Wiegand, director-general of the North-German Lloyd, besides a number of professors and literary men.

QUEEN OF SPAIN ILL

(By Associated Press.)
MADRID, Jan. 15.—Queen Victoria is ill with scarlet fever.

HIGHEST PRICE FOR FLOUR IN MANY YEARS

WHEAT, CORN AND RYE ALL REGISTER SHARP ADVANCES IN MARKET

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Wheat has vaulted to \$1.45 1/2 for May delivery. Flour has jumped 20 cents a barrel. Corn is up three cents a bushel and rye five.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Flour is the highest price in years. Fancy flour commands \$8 a barrel.

Four Negroes Lynched by Mob

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, Jan. 15.—Dan Barber, his son and two daughters, negroes, were lynched by a mob at Monticello today.